



PRESIDENT SIGNS THE WAR RESOLUTION; CALLS ON NATION TO SUPPLY VOLUNTEERS FOR CONFLICT

RESOLUTION IS SIGNED; NATION JOINS IN WAR

President After Attaching Signature Addresses Proclamation to the American People.

The proclamation issued by President Wilson after he signed the war resolution can be found on Page Four.

International News Service:

WASHINGTON, April 6.—The United States formally entered the war of nations at 1:13 o'clock today. At the hour President Wilson attached his signature to the "Flood-Martin" resolution declaring that a state of war exists between this nation and the Imperial German government, and pledging all the vast man and material resources of the country to bringing that war to a successful close. The resolution had been signed at the capitol by Vice President Marshall just 59 minutes before.

Five minutes after the president had signed the resolution he addressed a proclamation to the American people and issued a call for volunteers.

House Passes Resolution. Amid scenes that long will be remembered, the house this morning passed the Flood-Martin resolution, declaring that a state of war exists. Three hundred and seventy-three votes were cast for the measure; 50 were cast against it; nine members were absent—and Speaker Champ Clark did not vote.

That the United States will wage war in unison with the allies was not doubted today. American ships and American soldiers will cooperate with Germany's other enemies. This was plainly indicated in the dawn hours of this morning, when the house, weary by more than 16 hours of fervid oratory, voted down several resolutions calculated to place America in an isolated position regarding the conduct of the war.

One of these—designed to forbid American soldiers being sent to Europe without express consent of congress—was jeered as it went down to defeat.

Anticipating the passage of the resolution, the war bureau of the government labored all night preparing the ways for the nation's entrance into the world conflict. Dawn found them at their desks.

"The necessary men," said the president, in a statement, "will be secured for the regular army and the national guard by volunteering, as at present, until, in the judgment of the president, it is necessary to resort to selective draft is advisable."

Immediately upon the president's action in signing the proclamation, wireless messages were flashed to every American ship on the high seas, warships or merchant ships, and to army field stations everywhere. A copy of the proclamation was immediately started upon the cables and by wireless to all nations of the world.

Will Notify Germany. Germany will be notified of this nation's action by the Spanish ambassador in Berlin, who now represents the United States in Germany.

The military policy of the United States "for the present" will be the volunteer plan that has been followed since the nation's birth. But the president made it clear in his appeal that a form of "selective draft" such as is contained in the general staff bill now before congress, will be resorted to when the volunteering begins to slack up.

President Wilson gave strong warning in his proclamation to "alien enemies" of the United States living within our borders. Under the power vested in him he decreed in his proclamation that any unnaturalized citizen of a nation with which the United States is at war shall be drastically dealt with if he attempts to set afoot any conspiracy or intrigue against the United States.

Unnaturalized Germans are forbidden to carry arms of any kind within the boundaries of the nation; they are forbidden to make threats or agitate against the government or its officers, and are cautioned against approaching within one-half mile of any fortification or military establishment.

Only One Course For Americans

International News Service:

CHICAGO, April 6.—The Illinois Staats-Zeitung, leading German newspaper of this section of the country, today prints under the caption, "The Die is Cast", an editorial, which says in part: "Heavy though the heart may feel, there is only one possible course of thought and action for every loyal American and that is to stand by the Stars and Stripes and support our duly elected officials in their efforts to direct a successful war. God grant that our arms will be crowned with victory—the victory of a just and humane war."

PACKET STRIKES PIER AND SINKS

One Man Drowned and Another is Missing Following Loss of River Boat.

International News Service:

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., April 6.—One man was drowned, another is missing, and nearly a score of passengers had narrow escapes in the sinking at Dam 19, in the Ohio river today, of the Pittsburgh-Charleston packet, Tell City. Shortly before noon Capt. Charles Ellsworth reported that careful checking showed that all passengers except Henry Perry, 60 years old, of East Liverpool, O., have been accounted for. A deckhand is missing. Perry's grandson, five years old, who accompanied him, was uninjured.

The scene of the sinking was identical with that at which the packet Kanawha went down a year ago with a heavy loss of life. The Tell City docked here last night at 9 o'clock. Two hours later the boat cleared for Charleston, but after taking a course across the river, Capt. Charles Ellsworth, ordered the boat tied up on the Ohio side for the night, on account of the heavy gale. At 5 o'clock this morning the boat got under way. She was forced to battle a heavy wind and was hard to control.

A great hole was torn in the side of the steamer by the impact against one of the piles. She began to settle instantly and the water was flowing over the hurricane deck when the boat made its final plunge and settled to the bottom of the river.

ARMY GETS A RECRUIT

Local Station Will Be Kept Open

Each Evening Till 10 O'clock.

One man, Henry T. Cumbest, 25 years old, from Mississippi, was the lone recruit taken into the U. S. army on Thursday through the local station, and he left at once for Fort Thomas, Ky., where he will join the coast artillery branch of the service. Sergt. Skees announced Friday morning that the local station would be open every evening until 10 o'clock, to accommodate the men who work during the day.

GRANTS VENUE CHANGE

Petition For Injunction Will Be Tried at Michigan City.

Whether Mayor Keller has a right to revoke a saloon license as he did in the case of Joseph Szagety, Chapin st. saloonkeeper, will not be decided here. A change of venue on an injunction hearing was granted Friday by Judge George Ford of the superior court. The case will be taken to the Laporte county superior court at Michigan City. Judge Harry L. Crumpacker will sit in the case.

PRESIDENT BUSY.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—President Wilson omitted his usual round of golf this morning. He was hard at work in his study early in the day and did not relax as the hours wore on.

CHICAGO.—Annie Calato wondered why her fiancé, Samuel Mule, was not on hand for their wedding and went to his house. Samuel, his brother, and a cousin were unconscious from gas. They will recover.

MILLION MEN FIRST YEAR IS NATION'S PLAN

Regular Army and National Guard to be Brought Up to Authorized War Strength of 600,000.

International News Service:

WASHINGTON, April 6.—With America's entry into the world war formally declared, congress today set about the task of providing the army to defend the cause to which the United States is committed. Sec'y of War Baker went to the capitol to explain to the house military affairs committee the administration's plan for increasing the regular army to 600,000 men in a year and twice that number in two years. The military committee met behind closed doors. They realized that this is a solemn task. The bill, which Sec'y Baker explained to them was prepared by the general staff of the army.

It provides first of all for the immediate raising of the present regular army and national guard to the combined authorized war strength of more than 600,000. The new increments will be added through the volunteer system if responses are sufficiently prompt. Otherwise the troops must be obtained by draft. Similarly the bill provides for the calling to the colors by late summer of the first increment of a new fighting force of 500,000 men, to be chosen by selective conscription.

Train Officers First. First of all the general staff bill provides for the training of some 100,000 officers and non-commissioned officers, who in turn will be the instructors of the youthful hosts to be impressed from farm and factory, school and office, and who have yet to receive their first lessons in the rudiments of handling a rifle.

To reach war strength the present regular army must be expanded to 278,000 men and about 12,000 officers. The national guard is capable of expansion to 327,000 men and about 10,000 officers. Under the national defense act, the guard would immediately be taken into the federal service as it was last summer when called to Mexican patrol duty. With the regulars and national guard augmented to their full strength, the attention of the military authorities must be turned to the youth of the country from which it is planned to draw during the next two years an army of 2,000,000 men.

All Must Register.

To this end, federal, state and local authorities will be called upon to cooperate in registering the young men of the country between the ages of 19 and 25 years. Exemptions will be made of those physically unfit, those supporting dependents, members of religious bodies having scruples against the bearing of arms, and finally those engaged in industrial pursuits necessary to the conduct of the war.

By this means some time in the late summer the first increment of 500,000 newly trained recruits would be available. Within a year a second increment of 500,000 would be called to the colors with other officers and instructors drawn from the regulars and the national guard, to take them in charge. The army, whatever its ultimate proportions will, according to present plans, be raised in installments of half a million men.

IS PERSONA NON GRATA

China Asks France to Recall Representative in East.

International News Service: PEKING, April 6.—The French government has been informed that the French minister to China is persona non grata "because of many offensive actions," it was learned today from an authentic source.

Further protest against China's entry into the war has been received from the Hakkow merchants.

DISMISS OFFICER.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—First Lieut. Lawrence M. Barnett of the dental corps of the Alabama national guard, was dismissed from the unit today after conviction of drunkenness in uniform and absence without leave.

Fifty Not For War Resolution

International News Service:

WASHINGTON, April 6.—Fifty representatives voted against the war resolution today. The first vote ever cast by a woman representative in an American congress was against this nation going to war.

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RULES OF WAR ARE VIOLATED BY SUBMARINES

Four Torpedoes Fired at Leyland Horse Transport Canadian—Members of Crew Are Landed.

International News Service:

WASHINGTON, April 6.—Outrage was added to outrage in the sinking without warning of the Leyland horse transport Canadian, upon which there were 56 American citizens, a cable from Consul Frost at Queenstown, revealed today.

More than one U-boat participated in the attack, it became known today, four torpedoes striking the ship in entirely different places. The consul described this act as "flagrant contempt of the safety of the boats" as the survivors rowed away.

The Canadian, which carried 800 horses and a crew of 157, was attacked by at least two submarines, several of the Americans seeing that many periscopes. The first torpedo struck aft to starboard, the second, aft to port, the third forward to port and the fourth amidships.

After several hours in the boats, the crew was landed without casualty. The sinking without warning of the British steamer Cannizaro, carrying a general cargo, 15 miles from the Scilly islands, was reported today by Consul Hathaway, at Hull. One American, William Samuel Jones of San Francisco, was in the crew, which was saved.

ANOTHER SHIP SUNK.

PARIS, April 6.—The Brazilian steamship Parana has been sunk by a German submarine and three men are missing, says a dispatch from Sherbourg today.

The Parana was a vessel of 4,461 tons and hailed from Rio Janeiro. She was last reported at Havre.

TWO TRAINMEN KILLED

Lake Shore Passenger Train Crashes Into Freight.

International News Service: ROCHESTER, N. Y., April 6.—Two trainmen were killed and 20 passengers injured when passenger train No. 7 crashed into a freight on the main line of the New York Central railroad near Wynnepore, early today. The wrecked passenger train due here at 11:30 last night, was making up time.

William M. Cutter, engineer of the passenger train, and Cornelius E. Miller, trainman, were killed.

TOWNS BOMBARDED.

LONDON, April 6.—Towns along the coast of Kent were attacked by a German aeroplane last night but there were no casualties. The war office announced today. Most of the eight bombs dropped fell in the open.

LATEST IN THE NEWS WORLD

VOTES 100,000,000.

International News Service: WASHINGTON, April 6.—Senate gives president \$100,000,000 emergency fund.

RETAKEN POSITIONS.

PARIS, April 6.—Some of the positions captured by the Germans along the Aisne canal, northwest of Rheims, yesterday, were retaken by the French in strong counter attacks during the night, the war office reported today. There was violent fighting all night with grenades.

TO INCREASE SUPPLY.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—The senate this afternoon adopted a resolution offered by Sen. Reed of Missouri, calling upon the secretary of agriculture to submit to congress a comprehensive plan for increasing the country's food supply.

BILL APPROVED.

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WILSON'S SPEECH REACHES BERLIN

President's Language is a Stunning Shock to Liberal Leaders.

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BERLIN, (Via Sayville wireless), April 4.—(Delayed).—The full text of President Wilson's speech to congress was received here today and it created a sensation.

The severity of the president's language was a stunning shock to some quarters, especially to leaders of the liberals. The address was received by the kaiser during the night at German great headquarters.

A momentous conference is being held at great headquarters. Those taking part are the kaiser, the kaiserin, Emperor Charles of Austria; Empress Zita, of Austria; Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German chancellor; Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister; Dr. Alfred Zimmermann, the German foreign secretary; Field Marshal von Hindenburg, German chief of staff; Gen. von Ludendorff, first quartermaster general of the German army and chief of staff to von Hindenburg; and Field Marshal von Arz, Austrian chief of staff.

FIND BODY OF WOMAN

Had Been Dead Only An Hour When Found by Police.

International News Service: CHICAGO, April 6.—The body of a fashionably attired young woman, found in an alley way of a notorious resort known as the Pickwick club today, furnished the basis of a mysterious murder which a score of detectives were endeavoring to solve. Their first efforts were being devoted to establishing the woman's identity.

A stab wound on the left side of the throat had pierced the jugular vein. It was apparent that the body had been dragged some distance and physicians say the woman had been dead only an hour when found.

LOSES PROPERTY.

International News Service: WACO, Texas, April 6.—Property which Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, German chancellor, has owned here for years, today was sold to A. Colvin, a cotton man, for \$7,700.

PASS APPROPRIATION.

DES MOINES, Ia., April 6.—A bill appropriating \$1,000,000 for national defense was passed by the Iowa senate today.

FIRST, AGAIN, WITH THE NEWS.

One more demonstration of the superior service of The South Bend News-Times over that of Chicago papers coming into the city was given Friday morning. The outside papers carried streamers announcing that the house of representatives was considering the war measure and would likely vote "before dawn." The regular morning edition of The News-Times carried not only the fact that the resolution had passed but gave the vote.

Get ALL the news and get it FIRST in The News-Times.

ALL GERMAN SHIPS IN AMERICAN HARBORS ARE TAKEN OVER BY THE U. S.

International News Service:

WASHINGTON, April 6.—All German ships in American harbors have now been seized and taken over by the government, it was announced officially at 1:15 today by the treasury department. Engineers who have examined the ships upon which the crews carried out orders to destroy the engines report that it will take between three and four months to repair the damage. The ships must go into dry dock and delay will be occasioned by the fact that the secret plans have all been destroyed.

The following statement regarding the seizure was made by Sec'y of the Treasury McAdoo this afternoon: "For the purpose of protecting the vessels from further injury and until a decision can be reached as to their proper disposition

customs guards have been placed on board all German merchant vessels anchored in the ports of the United States. The officers and crew have been taken into custody by the department of labor pending a determination of their status."

CREW ARRESTED.

International News Service:

NEW LONDON, Conn., April 6.—The German steamship Willehad, which acted as "mother ship" to the Deutschland, was seized by the United States today. The crew of 225 men was arrested. The Willehad was owned by the North German Lloyd line. She was formerly interned at Boston, but came here last August.

MACHINERY WRECKED.

International News Service:

BALTIMORE, Md., April 6.—The German ships Rhein, Neckar and Bulgarica, interned here, were seized early today by United States Marshal Stockham, supported by 100 deputies and two companies of the fourth Maryland infantry. The machinery of the three ships was found to have been entirely disabled. The officers were permitted to register at a local hotel.

FOUR ARE SEIZED.

International News Service:

BOSTON, April 6.—Four interned German vessels at East Boston were seized by a detail of 100 bluejackets from the navy yard and 150 customs inspectors early today, and the German crews were put out of their bunkers and transported to the immigration station.

MEN ARE PRISONERS.

International News Service:

WILMINGTON, N. C., April 6.—Twenty-five seamen from the United States coast guard cutter Seminole, under command of Lieut. Ryan and Smith, at 4 o'clock this morning seized the two German merchant ships Kiel and Nicaragua, which have been here since the war in Europe commenced, and the 20 members of the crews, including the captains, were taken prisoners to the United States marine hospital at 6 o'clock. There was no resistance. Later in the day the United States marshal is expected to take charge of the prisoners.

GET TWO MORE.

International News Service:

NEW ORLEANS, La., April 6.—The German steamers Breslau and Andromeda were seized by federal officials here today and their crews removed to the immigration station.

TAKE OVER SHIP.

International News Service:

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., April 6.—The United States customs authorities boarded the interned German steamer Freda Leonhardt this morning at daybreak, and took off the crew of 10 men who are being held by the United States marshal. The engines of the ship have been wrecked and many important pieces thrown overboard, which cannot be replaced except from Germany.

The Freda Leonhardt is a vessel of 2,000 tons gross and was loaded with lumber when she interned.

SEIZE FOUR.

International News Service:

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., April 6.—United States customs officials seized the interned German vessels Serapis, Ottawa, Atlas and Neptune here today. The crews were interned.

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